

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An intelligent network-based communication system 100 contains one or more service control points (SCPs) 102 for maintaining co-existing prepaid and postpaid accounts for a plurality of subscribers. The prepaid accounts are supplementary to the
5 postpaid accounts for billing purposes. Subscriber activity is monitored in relation to postpaid plan free bucket thresholds and, on occasion(s) where postpaid threshold(s) would be surpassed, billing is diverted from the postpaid account to the prepaid account to achieve lower rates.